

East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2015

Present: Arthur Carlson, Chairman
Marvin Schutt, Member
Mark Christensen, Member
Penny Heller, Member

Absent: Ron Nichols, Alternate
Laura Ashburn, Alternate
Tom Kalal, Member

Also Present: Rose Ann Hardy, Ex officio

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Call to Order. Chairman Carlson called the January 14, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Additions to the Agenda. There were no additions to the Agenda.

II. Public Delegations. There were no guests.

III. Minutes.

A. Minutes of December 10, 2014. Mr. Carlson asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (1): Mr. Christensen moved to accept the December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. Ms. Heller abstained from voting. (3-0-1) Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS.

A. FY15/16. Mr. Carlson reported he submitted this Commission's budget with no increase. He was not permitted to increase the budget.

Ms. Hardy informed the Commission that Planning and Inland Wetlands have requested that Gary Goeschel's hours be increased. There was a unanimous consensus of the Commission to support this request.

MOTION (2): Ms. Heller moved to support the increase in hours for Gary Goeschel and request technical help for him. Seconded by Mr. Christensen. (4-0) Unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Continuation of Water Study Results to Date. Mr. Carlson asked Commission members for suggestions on how we can protect our water supply, and if it is possible to expand it.

Ms. Heller reported Powers Lake is rated as our best water quality. Everything else has been impacted. Mr. Carlson asked how long can we impact them? The Commission reviewed the plan for aquifers.

Mr. Carlson read an article on DEEP's requirements for storm water systems. DEEP understands the budget concerns of municipalities.

Mr. Christensen wrote to DOT concerning chemical spills on the highway. To date he has had no response.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Communications. There were no communications.

B. Agribusiness Subcommittee. Mr. Christensen reported the Potluck Dinner was a success. Mr. Mingo reported to him he had discussion with Mr. Peck on having tours of the three historic houses in East Lyme. Mr. Christensen agreed to discuss the idea with Gary Lakowsky. It was felt a Vision Committee with representatives from each group could be formed.

C. Rapid-Bio Assessment Report. Ms. Heller reported two have been completed this year. The Niantic River will be the third for the Town.

D. Chairman's Report. Mr. Carlson reported he received a call from State Forester Emery Glock to present for discussion at our February Meeting the Five-Year update for the state forests in our area.

Mr. Carlson will meet with Dave Putnam and Gary Goeschel regarding Darrow Pond. He also met with the State Archeologist and visited the parking lots at Darrow Pond, Grassy Hill Road and Whistletown Road. There are erosion problems. There is a public health hazard at Darrow Pond because of ticks. We can brush hog and cut back bushes to improve the problem.

E. Ex-officio. Ms. Hardy had no report.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A. Chairman. The Commission was asked for nominations for Chairman of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources for 2015.

MOTION (3): **Mr. Christensen moved to nominate Art Carlson as Chairman of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources for 2015. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (4-0) Unanimous.**

There were no other nominations for Chairman.

A vote was taken, and Mr. Carlson was unanimously elected Chairman of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources for 2015.

B. Secretary. The Commission was asked for nominations for Secretary of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources for 2015.

MOTION (4): Mr. Christensen moved to nominate Penny Heller as Secretary of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources for 2015. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (4-0) Unanimous.

There were no other nominations for Secretary.

A vote was taken, and Penny Heller was unanimously elected Secretary of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources for 2015.

VIII. Adjournment.

MOTION (5): Ms. Heller moved to adjourn the January 14, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary